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February 17, 2009

William Watson, Administrator
NH Department of Transportation
Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance
7 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03302

RE: February 2009 Monthly Minor Revisions

Dear Mr. Watson:

The Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO) staff has received a request to approve the February 2009 Minor Revisions.

Administrative Modifications

1. COAST - Miscellaneous Bus Station Equipment

- An additional \$143,000 in funding has been requested in fiscal year 2009 as part of the Economic Stimulus Package.

2. COAST - Capital Program

- An additional \$2,099,000 in funding has been requested in fiscal year 2009 as part of the Economic Stimulus Package.

3. Rochester-Somersworth-Dover-Newington-Portsmouth #13880 - "Express Bus Service for General Public Between Rochester & Portsmouth to have Timely Connections with Inter-City & Local Transportation Services [02-29CM] [ESP]

- An additional \$480,000 in funding has been requested in fiscal year 2009 as part of the Economic Stimulus Package.

4. Statewide Transit – Rural Public Transit

- An additional \$3,500,000 in funding has been requested in fiscal year 2009 as part of the Economic Stimulus Package.

5. Statewide BRPPI* – Bridge Rehabilitation, Painting, Preservation & Improvement Projects (Federal Program)

- An additional \$20,000,000 in funding has been requested in fiscal year 2009 as part of the Economic Stimulus Package.

The following information is in the **Strafford MPO Prospectus** (pages 47-48) that was recently revised and adopted in 29, 2008 at the Strafford MPO Policy Committee Meeting:

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Information Only

1. Dover # 13402 – Replace Bridge Over B&M Railroad (NH 9) – 109/106

- This project was originally listed as an Information Only Revision.
- Funding levels will increase from \$5,010,000 to \$5,988,000.
- All phases of the project will remain as scheduled.

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2. Durham-Newmarket # 13080 – Construct 4' Bike Shoulders from Oyster River Bridge to Dame Road and Sanborn Avenue in Newmarket (3.4MI) STP & [98-17TE] (TE Program)

- Funding levels will remain the same as scheduled, however Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-Way and Construction funding has moved to reflect changes in process.

	OLD	NEW
Preliminary Engineering – 2009	\$100,000	\$10,000
Preliminary Engineering – 2010	\$52,000	\$100,000
Preliminary Engineering – 2011	\$53,000	\$62,000
Right-of-Way – 2009	\$100,000	\$55,000
Right-of-Way – 2010	\$103,000	\$55,000
Construction – 2011	\$4,047,000	\$4,171,000
TOTAL	\$4,455,000	\$4,453,000

3. Statewide Transit – Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program

- Funding levels have increased from \$3,353,000 to \$3,406,000 for fiscal years 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012.

4. Statewide Transit – Job Access and Reverse Commute

- Funding levels have increased from \$2,937,000 to \$3,059,000 for fiscal years 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012.

5. Statewide Transit – New Freedoms

- Funding levels have increased from \$2,853,000 to \$2,967,000 for fiscal years 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012.

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6. Statewide CRDR* - Culvert Replacement/Rehabilitation & Draining Repairs (Annual Project)

- An additional \$18,000 in Preliminary Engineering funding has been requested in fiscal year 2009 as part of the Economic Stimulus Package.
- An additional \$10,000 in Right-of-Way funding has been requested in fiscal year 2009 as part of the Economic Stimulus Package.
- An additional \$505,000 in Construction funding has been requested in fiscal year 2009 as part of the Economic Stimulus Package.

7. Statewide GRR* - Guardrail Replacement [Federal Aid Guardrail Replacement Program] (Annual Program)

- An additional \$60,000 in Preliminary Engineering funding has been requested in fiscal year 2009 as part of the Economic Stimulus Package.
- An additional \$8,000 in Right-of-Way funding has been requested in fiscal year 2009 as part of the Economic Stimulus Package.
- An additional \$3,200,000 in Construction funding has been requested in fiscal year 2009 as part of the Economic Stimulus Package.

8. Statewide PRCCS* - Pavement Resurfacing, Rehabilitation & Crackseal Program & Related Work (Annual Federal Resurfacing Program)

- An additional \$175,000 in Preliminary Engineering funding has been requested in fiscal year 2009 as part of the Economic Stimulus Package.
- An additional \$25,000 in Right-of-Way funding has been requested in fiscal year 2009 as part of the Economic Stimulus Package.
- An additional \$15,500,000 in Construction funding has been requested in fiscal year 2009 as part of the Economic Stimulus Package.

9. Statewide SBCM* - Scenic Byways Corridor Management, Planning, and Development of Facilities to Enhance Scenic Qualities of New Hampshire (Annual Project)

- Changes in funding levels, from \$1,200,000 to \$547,000 reflect actual 2008 awards to be authorized in 2009.

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10. Statewide SSRR* – Secondary System Reclamation/Rehabilitation with Various Pavement Treatments

- An additional \$8,600,000 in Construction funding has been requested in fiscal year 2009 as part of the Economic Stimulus Package.

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Based on these procedures, the Executive Director **recommended approval of the above Administrative Modifications and Information Only Revisions to the 2009-2012 STIP as proposed.** The above project was discussed at the Friday, February 13, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting with the Executive Committee **concurring with the changes as recommended.** Additionally, letters were sent to members of the SMPO Policy and TAC, with no comments received from members of the two committees.

A copy of this letter will be provided to members of the SMPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding our actions.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Copeland, AICP
Executive Director

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